

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, August 15, 1728.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 8.

Alicant, July 28.

**J**UST now the Governor of this City has sent to Mr. Barker the British Consul here, to acquaint him that he is ordered not to admit any Ships into this Port, which have touched at Gibraltar.

*Copenhagen, July 31.* The Lord Baltimore arrived here some Days ago in a little Yacht of his own: He designs to proceed from hence to Stockholm, and thence to Dantzick.

*Paris, Aug. 24.* The 3 Ships which our E. India Company expected, arrived lately at Port D'Orient with very rich Cargoes; so that the general Court of that Company, which was adjourned to the Arrival of the said Ships, will now be forthwith held. A new French and Spanish Dictionary is compiling at the Expence of the Marquis de Santa Cruz, 2d Plenipotentiary of Spain.

*Warsaw, July 31.* The King is expected here against the latter End of September. 'Tis not known for certain whether the Royal Prince will come with his Majesty. Several Grandees of this Kingdom have frequent Conferences upon the present Situation of Affairs, and 'tis thought there will be great Debates in the ensuing Diet.

*Extrait of a Letter to the Author of this Paper.*

The Authors of News in Holland were very ill informed, when they said that the late Velt Marshal Count de Fleming died worth 16 Millions; he scarce left the tenth Part of that Sum; neither is it true, That the States made a Representation to the King on that Account. The Decision which the News-papers say the King gave, is no less false, as also, what they add, That his Majesty has ordered the Conduct and Estate of that Count to be inquir'd into. As to Mr. Rasky, 'tis true he was taken into Custody; but this Usage was brought upon him by his own Malversation.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Aug. 8.

*Paris, Aug. 14.* Letters from Strasburg of the

5th Inst. import, That they had felt there several Shakes of an Earthquake, which had thrown down a great Number of Chimneys, split the Walls of several Houses, and wounded several Persons. The first Shoke began the 3d Instant, at Half an Hour past 10 in the Morning; the 2d, at Half an Hour after 4 in the Afternoon, and lasted above a Minute, was so violent, and attended with such a terrible Noise during 7 or 8 Shokes, that it seemed as if the whole City had been overturned. The 3d happened at 5 in the Afternoon; the 4th, at 3 Quarters after 8; the 5th, at Midnight; the 6th, the 4th Instant at a Quarter past 2 in the Morning, and was so violent as to occasion a general Terror; and the 7th, at 3 Quarters past 3 a'clock. The grand Basin in the Platform of the Cathedral Church was dry, the Water being carried out above 10 Paces into the Platform. The Shokes were felt all over Alsace. The Rhine and other Rivers were very much agitated during the whole Time.

*Hague, Aug. 10.* The Elector Palatine is somewhat better than he has been, but cannot yet be said to be out of Danger, by reason of his advanc'd Age, having almost outlived his 68th Year. The Elector of Triers and his Brother the Bishop of Ausburg, were not yet arrived at Manheim when the last Letters came from thence. Mean while the Ministers of the Elector Palatine are daily in Conference about the Affairs of that Electorate, not without a particular Regard to the Duchies of Bergues and Julieres, and therein to give Orders against all Events in due Time.

*London, Aug. 8.* The Anne Galley of London, Capt. Spackman from Jamaica, with 250 Negroes on board, was taken off of Cape Tiberion on the West of Cuba, on the 12th of June last, by a Spanish Privateer-Sloop of 6 Guns and 65 Men, belonging to St. Jago in Cuba: They stripp'd her Crew naked, and treated them barbarously; but four of her Crew, viz. George Fox, John King, Joseph Vaughan and Adam Sewill, who were orde-

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red by the Spaniards to carry the Boat with Goods to the Privateer in the Dusk of the Evening, found means to get away with the Boat, where they were 2 Days and 2 Nights without any Provision or Water; and then they met with a French Ship which took them up, and treated them with great Humanity, and carried them into Donna Maria Bay in Hispaniola, where the Rippon and Bredah Men of War were watering in order to come for England, and who brought these 4 Men to Portsmouth.

*From the London Evening Post, Aug 8.*

*Verfallies, Aug. 12.* The Queen is recovered of her Lying in, and her Majesty is in perfect Health.

*London, Aug. 8.* The Envoy of Tripoli having brought eight fine Barbary Horses, as a Present from the Dey to his Majesty, three of the King's Grooms are gone to Weymouth by the Earl of Scarborough's Order, to bring them to Hampton Court.

The Countess of Mar is upon the Recovery at Kentishton.

This Day a Committee of Council was held at Hampton Court.

Private Letters from Berlin assure us, That Count Lottum, General of the Prussian Troops, is gone to Copenhagen upon no other Errand, than to offer in his Majesty's Name, to Guarantee the Establishment of the Company of Altena, if his Danish Majesty thinks fit to give them Encouragement.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, Aug. 8.*

*Petersburg, July 9.* General Jagofinski has received his last Instructions, with Orders to set out the Beginning of next Week for the Congress of Soissons, where he is to be the Czar's 2d Plenipotentiary. The Commissaries of the Chamber of Commerce, went some Days ago to Ladoga, where they declared free the Navigation of the great Lake, of which that City bears the Name; there was a great Feast on this Occasion, and Refreshments were distributed among the People by Orders and at the Expence of the Generals Apraxin and Munich. This Lake, which is the largest in Europe, is 36 German Miles in length, or thereabouts, from North to South, and 20 in Breadth from East to West. The Canal made there by the late Czar, for a Communication to Petersburg, cost above 3 Millions of Rubles, and the keeping

in repair will be a very great Expence. The last Letters from Derbent import, that they no longer doubted of a speedy Accommodation with the Sultan Estref, who has withdrawn his Troops from the Neighbourhood of that Place, to avoid giving any Pretence of Umbrage.

*London, Aug. 8.* An Armadillo from the Indies was Yesterday presented to his Majesty; the Owner is said to have been offered 200 Guineas, for this Monster, but refused the same. It is about the size of a small Cat, all over Scales, has a Head like a Hog, Legs about three laches high, and a Tail about 2 Foot long.

Mr. Wolfe the Printer of Mist's Journal, who was last Week taken into the Custody of a Messenger, on Account of a Letter in the said Paper of Saturday the 26th of July, relating to the Kingdom of Ireland, was Yesterday admitted to Bail, himself and Sureties in a Recognizance of 500 L.

The Duke of Buckingham, who has been ill of the small Pox since Saturday last, is attended by Dr. Mead and Dr. Hale.

Tuesday last the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament for building a Bridge over the Thames from Fulham to Putney, met at the Lottery Office, Whitehall, and adjourned to the 24th of September next; and we hear that Mr. Price the Architect will be appointed the Surveyor for building the same.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Aug. 10.*

*No Foreign Mails this Post*

WHAT we mentioned in our last in relation to the Emperor and King of Spain agreeing to the Propositions made by Cardinal de Fleury for 12 Years Truce is much talk'd of, but not as yet confirmed. Mean-time some private Letters from Spain assure, That her Catholick Majesty had been lately waited upon by the Grandees of the Kingdom, and most humbly represented to her the great Detriment which Spain must of Necessity sustain if a War is carried on with Great Britain, and at the same Time representing the Benefits that would arise by the Acceptance of the Terms of Accommodation offered by England; her Majesty thereupon, after having maturely considered of the same, gave her Consent that all the Differen-

ces subsisting should be removed, in order to a speedy and happy Conclusion of the Congress. All which, 'tis hoped, will prove true; tho' some Accounts from the Hague insinuate, that the principal View of the Courts of Vienna and Madrid is to gain Time till the Gallies are arrived, and then, say they, those two Powers will become more stiff and untractable than before.

But 'tis just now assured by good Hands, That the King of Spain had resolv'd to exclude the Queen from any Participation in the Government Affairs, and to accept of the Propositions of the Allies of Hanover for an Accommodation; and that if she did not comply, he would abdicate the Crown a 2d time: Upon which her Majesty (as is given out) actually preferred a Compliance before the said Abdication.

Last Thursday-evening an Express arrived at Hampton-Court, with the News that the Bishop of Osnaburg, Brother to his late Majesty, departed this Life the 31st July, O. S. in the 54th Year of his Age; on which Occasion the Court will go into Mourning for 3 Months. And we hear his Royal Highness Prince William will be created Duke of York in room of the said Bishop; and have the vacant Blue Garter.

Last Monday 4 Companies of Colonel Montague's Regiment marched from Newcastle for Scotland, as did the like Number the next Day, and the rest were to follow the Day after.

The Advices Yesterday from Edinburgh relate, That on the 2d Inst. came on the Trial of Mr. Carnegie-----

Yesterday a Fire broke out at a Merchants Warehouse in Nicholas's Lane in Lombardstreet, which did considerable Damage, but was extinguished before it got to head.

Last Monday Lady Dutery embarked at Dover for France, as did the Day before Mr. Southwell, Clerk of the Privy Council. Whether this Gentleman's Errand to Paris relates, as many believe, to the 12 Years Truce proposed by the Cardinal de Fleury, a little Time will probably discover.

P. S. Advices from Madrid relate, That on the Days of the 25th and 26th past his Catholick Majesty gave a long Audience to the French and Imperial Ambassadors, and another of the Queen; and add, That the Ministers of his Catholick Ma-

jesty conferr frequently together on Affairs of the greatest Importance.

Those from Soissons advise, That on the 6th Inst. N. S. Mr. Pointz, Minister of Great Britain, received 2 Expresses, and set out the 1st Instant in the Morning for Paris; and a third Express came just after his Departure. From whence some great Affairs seem to be in Agitation, which makes us wait with Impatience for the Arrival of the next Mails.

'Tis said an Account is come of the Prince of Anspach, her Majesty's Brother, being dangerously ill.

*From the London Evening-Post, Aug. 10.*

*Hague, Aug. 10.* The King of Spain's Ratification of the Preliminary Articles was deferred from Time to Time, and spun out into Length; the present Negotiations for putting an End to the Troubles of Europe, is like to try the Patience of the well-disposed much more, by what Conjecture can be made from the Infancy of the Congress, so little condescending do the Imperial and Spanish Plenipotentiaries appear; who seem rather to follow the Maxim of the Lawiers, *Petitum injustum, ut obtineatur justum*; more than what is due is demanded, that what is due may be recovered. They support their unreasonable Pretensions with premeditated Design, and concert (no Doubt) these Measures between their respective Courts, whose principal View is to gain Time till the Gallies are arrived; and then they will be yet more untractable than before. But the Allies of Hanover will perhaps take Measures to disappoint them even herein, and not suffer themselves to be longer amused, after the Return of the Expresses which are again sent to the Courts of Vienna and Madrid: Till then there is nothing to be done at the Congress of Soissons, the Plenipotentiaries meeting only for form Sake. Meanwhile, we flatter our selves, the good Harmony and Firmness of the Allies of Hanover, will oblige those of Vienna soon to change their Mind.

*Philadelphia, June 13.* We have Advice by Capt. Simons, from South Carolina, That the Spanish Privateers fitted out from the Havana, have taken six English Vessels off Cape Florida, viz. those of Captain Locklin, Farrington, Partington, and Taylor, belonging to Boston, Captain White, belonging



longing to South Carolina; and another belonging to Rhode Island.

*New York, June 24.* We have an Account from Jamaica, That Admiral Hopson having died the 4th of May last, Captain St. Loe was again become Commodore; that eight Men of War are to stay at Jamaica, and the rest to go home; that the Spaniards have seven or eight Privateers, in the Windward Passage, and have lately taken above twenty Sail, two of them in Sight of Jamaica.

*London, Aug. 10.* We hear that two or three Men of War more will be ready to sail by the 19th Instant for Gibraltar, and that such Merchant Ships bound that Way, that gets ready by that Time, will be taken under their Convoy.

S. S. Stock, 102, 7 8ths. Annuities, 104, 7 8ths. Bank, 135, India, 169. York Buildings, 15, 3 8ths.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

45† There is a Piece of *Silver Plate*, given by His Grace the DUKE OF GORDON, of about Ten Pound Sterling Value, to be run for (Yearly) at Huntly upon the Thursday immediately following the second Tuesday of September by any Galloway not exceeding 13 Hands 2 Inches high, to be measured with their running Shoes on. Each Horse to run must be presented at Huntly, book'd by the Clerk of His Grace's Regality Eight Days before the Race, and kept there till the Race. Each Runner is to stake Five Shillings at measuring, to be given to the Poor. The winning Horse to be sold for One Hundred Merks Scots, if demanded. No Galloway that has heretofore won the Plate, will be admitted to run. The Race is to be twice round the usual Ground, according to the placing of the Stoops, or as shall be directed by the Judge. Any Horse turning on the wrong Side, must again make the right Turn, or lose the Race. No Race under three Horses belonging to different Owners. No Jostling, Crossing, or other unfair Ridings; and all Disputes to be determined by the Judge.

N. B. This *Advertisement* to be sufficient in Time coming till recalled.

¶¶ That there is a convenient Dwelling House lying nigh the Abbey of Dumfermling, consisting of a Kitchen, Brewhouse, Stable, Hay House, three Cellars, a Coalhouse, Wardrobe, and thirteen Fire Rooms, most of them finished and Sashed, that belonged to the deceased William Black Clerk of the Regality of Dumfermling, and possessed by Lady Wardlaw and Mrs. Black, as also a large Garden and Inclosure, which will graze two Kine and a Horse, lying adjacent to the said House, of which the said William Black has a Tack from the Marquis of Tweeddale, twenty seven Years whereof to run: To be exposed to Sale by Way of

publick Roup, within the Tolbooth of Dumfermling, the second Friday of September next in the Forenoon. As also another convenient Dwelling House, lying in the Maygate of Dumfermling, consisting of a Kitchen, Cellars, Brewhouse, Stable, Back Closets, large Dining Room, and five Fire Rooms, with Gardrobes and Pantries, lately possessed by Mr. Ralph Erskine Minister, and several other Tenements and Yards, with thirteen Acres of Land, and a Barn and Barn Yard, lying in and about the said Burgh, that belonged to the said deceased William Black; are to be exposed to Sale jointly or separately the said Day and Place. The Progress of the Writs and Conditions of the Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. John Macfarlane Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber, South Side of the Cross, Edinburgh, or in the Hands of William Black, Clerk of the Regality of Dumfermling, at his Writing Chamber in Dumfermling, any Day betwixt and the Roup.

¶¶ The Court of DIRECTORS of the BANK OF SCOTLAND, having by former Advertisements call'd in the Company's Twenty-Shillings Notes from No. 1, to No. 12001, bearing Date the 2d of February 1727, in order to be paid; They now hereby give notice to all Persons possessed of the Company's Notes of Twenty-Shillings of the Date foresaid, from No. 12001 and upwards, That they may apply to the Office on or after the 27th Inst. where they will also receive Payment both of Principal and Interest due thereon, being 5 Months; after which they are not to bear Interest. This by Order of the Court of Directors.

DAVID SPENCE Secretary.

*By Order of the General Meeting of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance.*

All the Contributors are appointed to renew their Bonds, for their Capital Premiums betwixt and Martinmas next, with Certification, that if they neglect so to do, immediate Diligence will be done on their said Bonds; And as to the Accommodation, Attendance is given daily at the Office from 10 to 12 in the Forenoon, and from 3 to 5 in the Afternoon, Saturdays excepted.

THO. ELIOT Secretary.

*By the Honourable Commissioners and Trustees for Improving Fisheries and Manufactories in Scotland.*

Notice is given, That the Stamp Stock in Hand is to be recalled against the First of October next, and will never be more allow'd of; and that after that Day, all insufficient Linen-cloth, and all Linen-cloth wanting the coarse-coloured Threads run cross the Ends of the Piece, or that shall be wrought or cut into Pieces below 12 Yards and an half in Length, cannot be Stamped; certifying such Persons as shall presume to buy or sell such Linen cloth, that they will forfeit the same, and be strictly prosecuted for the Penalties that shall be incurred in the Terms of Law, without Favour on any Account whatsoever.

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